



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

1445 Ross Avenue, Ste 1200
Dallas, TX 95202

December 7, 2009

Madeline M. Wessel, Director
United Production Company, Inc.
24 Grand Canyon Drive
New Orleans, LA 70131

Re: Notice of Federal Assumption of Response Activity

Dear Mrs. Wessels:

My letter dated September 25, 2009, that I hand delivered to your residence on November 30, 2009 notified you of a federal interest in an actual or potential pollution incident has occurred or threatens to occur at the United Production – W Harang facility, located at Latitude 29. 6000° North/Longitude 90.4397° West, in the Valentine Oil and Gas Field (Field ID: 9096), Lafourche Parish, Louisiana. which you are presently considered financially responsible.

You are hereby given notice that your actions to abate this threat and to remove the pollutant(s), and mitigate its/their effects have been evaluated as improper to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) Christopher Ruhl. Effective November 30, 2009, the EPA will conduct all removal activities under the authority of the Section 311 (c)(1) of the Clean Water Act, as amended [33 U.S.C. 1321 (c)(1)]. Removal will be effected in accordance with the criteria of the National Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Contingency Plan and federal regulations. You will then be billed for costs incurred by the federal government, as set forth in Section 311 (f) of the Clean Water Act.

Should you require further information concerning this matter, please contact the Christopher Ruhl by telephone at (214) 665-7356, by email at ruhl.christopher@epa.gov, or in writing at:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6
Attn: Chris Ruhl (6SF-PO)
1445 Ross Avenue
Dallas, TX 75202

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Ruhl", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Christopher Ruhl
On-Scene Coordinator